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Work Trends



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NEBRASKA Work Trends

September 1979

U. S. EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1949-1978 ^{1/}
(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

Year	Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Finance insurance, and real estate	Services	Total	Federal	State and local
1949.....	43,754	930	2,194	14,441	4,001	9,264	2,602	6,662	1,828	5,240	5,856	1,908	3,948
1950.....	45,197	901	2,364	15,241	4,034	9,386	2,635	6,751	1,888	5,357	6,026	1,928	4,098
1951.....	47,819	929	2,637	16,393	4,226	9,742	2,727	7,015	1,956	5,547	6,389	2,302	4,087
1952.....	48,793	898	2,668	16,632	4,248	10,004	2,812	7,192	2,035	5,699	6,609	2,420	4,188
1953.....	50,202	866	2,659	17,549	4,290	10,247	2,854	7,393	2,111	5,835	6,645	2,305	4,340
1954.....	48,990	791	2,646	16,314	4,084	10,235	2,867	7,368	2,200	5,969	6,751	2,188	4,563
1955.....	50,641	792	2,839	16,882	4,141	10,535	2,926	7,609	2,298	6,240	6,914	2,187	4,727
1956.....	52,369	822	3,039	17,243	4,244	10,858	3,018	7,840	2,389	6,497	7,277	2,209	5,069
1957.....	52,853	828	2,962	17,174	4,241	10,886	3,028	7,858	2,438	6,706	7,616	2,217	5,399
1958.....	51,324	751	2,817	15,945	3,976	10,750	2,980	7,770	2,481	6,765	7,839	2,191	5,648
1959.....	53,268	732	3,004	16,675	4,911	11,127	3,082	8,045	2,549	7,087	8,083	2,233	5,850
1960.....	54,189	712	2,926	16,796	4,004	11,391	3,143	8,248	2,629	7,378	8,353	2,270	6,083
1961.....	53,999	672	2,859	16,326	3,903	11,337	3,133	8,204	2,688	7,620	8,594	2,279	6,315
1962.....	55,549	650	2,948	16,853	3,906	11,566	3,198	8,368	2,754	7,982	8,890	2,340	6,550
1963.....	56,653	635	3,010	16,995	3,903	11,778	3,248	8,530	2,830	8,277	9,225	2,358	6,868
1964.....	58,283	634	3,097	17,274	3,951	12,160	3,337	8,823	2,911	8,660	9,596	2,348	7,248
1965.....	60,765	632	3,232	18,062	4,036	12,716	3,466	9,250	2,977	9,036	10,074	2,378	7,696
1966.....	63,901	627	3,317	19,214	2,158	13,245	3,497	9,648	3,058	9,498	10,784	2,564	8,220
1967.....	65,803	613	3,248	19,447	4,268	13,606	3,689	9,917	3,185	10,045	11,391	2,719	8,672
1968.....	67,892	606	3,350	19,781	4,318	14,099	3,779	10,320	3,337	10,567	11,839	2,737	9,102
1969.....	70,384	619	3,575	20,167	4,442	14,705	3,907	10,798	3,512	11,169	12,195	2,758	9,437
1970.....	70,880	623	3,588	19,367	4,515	15,040	3,993	11,047	3,645	11,548	12,554	2,731	9,823
1971.....	71,214	609	3,704	18,623	4,476	15,352	4,001	11,351	3,772	11,797	12,881	2,696	10,185
1972.....	73,675	628	3,889	19,151	4,541	15,949	4,113	11,836	3,908	12,276	13,334	2,684	10,649
1973.....	76,790	642	4,097	20,154	4,656	16,607	4,277	12,329	4,046	12,857	13,732	2,663	11,068
1974.....	78,265	697	4,020	20,077	4,725	16,987	4,433	12,554	4,148	13,441	14,170	2,724	11,446
1975.....	76,945	752	3,525	18,323	4,542	17,060	4,415	12,645	4,165	13,892	2,748	11,937	
1976.....	79,382	779	3,576	18,997	4,582	17,755	4,546	13,209	4,271	14,551	14,871	2,733	12,138
1977.....	82,256	809	3,833	19,647	4,696	18,492	4,697	13,795	4,452	15,249	15,079	2,727	12,352
1978.....	85,763	837	4,212	20,332	4,859	19,394	4,898	14,496	4,676	15,979	15,476	2,753	12,723

^{1/} Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, August 1979.

NOTE: Data include Alaska and Hawaii beginning in 1959.

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LABOR FORCE DATA ^{1/}
(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)
September 1979

	Preliminary Sep 1979	Revised		Change From:	
		Aug 1979	Sep 1978	Aug 1979	Sep 1978
<u>NEBRASKA</u>					
Civilian labor force	781,400	781,800	759,250	- 400	22,150
Employment	753,250	759,400	733,050	-6,150	20,200
Unemployment	28,150	22,400	26,200	5,750	1,950
Unemployment rate ^{2/}	3.6	2.9	3.5	xxx	xxx
<u>OMAHA SMSA</u> ^{3/}					
Civilian labor force	283,100	277,050	274,900	6,050	8,200
Employment	268,800	266,100	261,800	2,700	7,000
Unemployment	14,300	10,950	13,100	3,350	1,200
Unemployment rate ^{2/}	5.1	4.0	4.8	xxx	xxx
<u>LINCOLN SMSA</u> ^{4/}					
Civilian labor force	113,600	109,950	112,450	3,650	1,150
Employment	110,100	107,200	109,000	2,900	1,100
Unemployment	3,500	2,750	3,450	750	50
Unemployment rate ^{2/}	3.1	2.5	3.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 240,150 is included in the Nebraska total only, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 42,950, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 5,750 from August 1979 to September 1979, reaching a new total of 28,150. The September 1979 level was 1,950 higher than in September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.9 in August 1979 to 3.6 in September 1979, and compared to 3.5 in September 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 3,350 from August 1979 to September 1979, and also increased by 1,200 from September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 4.0 in August 1979 to 5.1 in September 1979, and compared to 4.8 in September 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA rose by 750 from August 1979 to September 1979, and also had a slight increase of 50 from September 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.5 in August 1979 to 3.1 in September 1979, but was unchanged from the 3.1 rate of September 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 2,250 from September 1979 to October 1979, reaching a new total of 779,150. The unemployment segment is projected as 28,150, while the employment segment is projected as 751,000.

NEBRASKA
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA ^{1/ 2/}
Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Sep 1979 ^{3/}	Aug 1979 ^{4/}	Sep 1978 ^{4/}	Change From		Percent Change From Sep 1978
				Aug 1979	Sep 1978	
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	622,800	614,000	604,500	8,800	18,300	3.0
MANUFACTURING	96,600	96,850	93,550	- 250	3,050	3.2
Durable goods	51,750	51,700	48,700	50	3,050	6.3
Construction material	5,200	5,250	5,400	- 50	- 200	- 3.6
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,050	2,100	2,300	- 50	- 250	-10.5
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	3,150	3,150	3,100	0	50	1.5
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,700	2,000	100	- 200	-10.5
Metals	10,350	10,300	9,850	50	500	5.1
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,900	1,600	- 50	250	18.4
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	8,500	8,400	8,250	100	250	2.6
Machinery except electrical	12,950	12,900	10,900	50	2,050	18.9
Farm machinery & equipment	7,700	7,650	6,550	50	1,150	17.7
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,500	10,500	9,950	0	550	5.6
Transportation equipment	5,800	5,900	5,700	- 100	100	1.4
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,150	3,150	- 50	- 50	- 1.9
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,150	5,150	4,900	0	250	5.8
Nondurable goods	44,850	45,150	44,850	- 300	0	- 0.1
Food & kindred products	25,900	26,150	26,750	- 250	- 850	- 3.1
Meat products	12,250	12,200	12,650	50	- 400	- 3.2
Dairy products	2,050	2,100	2,100	- 50	- 50	- 1.1
Grain mill	5,300	5,600	5,400	- 300	- 100	2.6
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,300	6,250	6,600	50	- 300	- 4.2
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0	0.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,450	7,400	7,100	50	350	5.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,250	2,250	2,200	0	50	1.1
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,950	7,050	6,500	- 100	450	6.1
NONMANUFACTURING	526,200	517,150	510,950	9,050	15,250	3.0
MINING	1,500	1,600	1,600	- 50	- 50	- 2.7
CONSTRUCTION	36,350	37,250	35,950	- 900	400	1.1
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	11,200	11,250	10,950	- 50	250	2.3
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	9,250	9,550	8,450	- 300	800	9.4
Construction - special trade contractors	15,900	16,450	16,550	- 550	- 650	- 3.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	47,300	47,400	45,100	- 100	2,200	4.9
Railroad transportation	16,000	16,000	15,350	0	650	4.4
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	15,050	15,050	14,550	0	500	3.4
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,250	16,350	15,200	- 100	1,050	6.7

TRADE						
Wholesale	159,750	158,650	155,800	1,100	3,950	2.6
Durable	47,150	47,150	45,600	0	1,550	3.4
Nondurable	24,150	24,250	23,250	- 100	900	3.8
Retail	23,000	22,900	22,350	100	650	3.0
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	112,600	111,500	110,200	1,100	2,400	2.2
General merchandise stores	5,700	5,800	5,750	- 100	- 50	- 0.7
Food stores	15,400	15,200	16,200	200	- 800	- 4.9
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	14,850	14,650	14,900	200	- 50	- 0.1
Apparel & accessory stores	16,900	16,950	16,600	- 50	300	1.6
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200	3.1
Eating & drinking places	4,100	4,050	4,150	50	- 50	- 1.6
Miscellaneous retail	38,050	37,300	34,800	750	3,250	9.4
Drug stores & proprietary stores	11,300	11,250	11,700	50	- 400	- 3.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	3,500	3,500	3,550	0	- 50	- 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	7,800	7,750	8,150	50	- 350	- 4.2
Banking	40,400	40,650	39,300	- 250	1,100	2.8
Insurance	10,250	10,350	10,200	- 100	50	0.6
Real estate	19,350	19,450	19,050	- 100	300	1.6
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	4,500	4,600	4,200	- 100	300	6.6
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	6,300	6,250	5,850	50	450	7.7
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	113,450	110,800	109,850	2,650	3,600	3.3
Personal services	7,350	7,400	7,050	- 50	300	4.3
Business services	5,350	5,350	5,600	0	- 250	- 4.0
Automotive repair, services, & garages	16,150	15,550	15,150	600	1,000	6.5
Amusement & recreation	3,550	3,600	3,500	- 50	50	1.2
Health services	7,250	7,100	6,500	150	750	11.7
Educational services	39,500	39,600	38,050	- 100	1,450	3.8
Social services	9,050	6,800	9,150	2,250	- 100	- 1.4
Membership organizations	5,350	5,400	5,400	- 50	- 50	- 0.7
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	8,450	8,350	8,700	100	- 250	- 2.8
GOVERNMENT	11,450	11,650	10,750	- 200	700	6.4
Federal	127,400	120,800	123,350	6,600	4,050	3.3
State	16,150	16,300	16,300	- 150	- 150	- 0.7
Local	34,500	31,250	33,800	3,250	700	2.0
	76,750	73,250	73,250	3,500	3,500	4.7

- 1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Data were compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

SEPTEMBER 1979 IN REVIEW

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 8,800 from August 1979 to September 1979. Manufacturing had a small drop of 250, while nonmanufacturing employment rose by 9,050.

The drop of 250 in manufacturing included a decline of 300 in nondurable goods which more than counterbalanced a slight gain of 50 in durable goods.

Month-to-month increases were registered in government, services and trade. Government employment increased by 6,600, primarily as a result of customary seasonal increases in educational services. Similarly, nearly seven-eighths of the 2,650 gain in services was in educational services. All of the increase of 1,100 in trade was in retail trade, paced by a gain of 750 in eating and drinking places.

Month-to-month losses other than manufacturing occurred in construction/mining (-900), finance-insurance-real estate (-250), and transportation-communication-real estate (-100).

ANNUAL CHANGES

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 18,300 from September 1978 to September 1979. Manufacturing accounted for 3,050 of that increase, and nonmanufacturing provided 15,250 of it.

The increase of 3,050 in manufacturing occurred entirely in durable goods, led by a rise of 2,050 in machinery except electrical.

Year-to-year increases were registered in all industries. Construction/mining gained 350. Transportation-communication-utilities rose by 2,200. Trade had an increase of 3,950, including a gain of 1,550 in wholesale trade and of 2,400 in retail trade. The major gainer in retail trade was eating and drinking places (3,250). Finance-insurance-real estate increased by 1,100. Service employment gained by 3,600, with the largest increases in health services (1,450), and business services (1,000). Government increased by 4,050, with 3,500 of that increase in local government.

OUTLOOK.

Employment activity in November 1979 is expected to show a moderate rise in trade, following the customary seasonal trend of increased hiring for the holiday buying season. Service is also anticipated to have a small rise.

During the same period, it is expected that substantial employment reductions will occur in construction/mining and agriculture, following customary seasonal trends. Transportation-communication-utilities is expected to have a moderate seasonal decline.

Employment levels in manufacturing, finance-insurance-real estate, and government are expected to remain relatively unchanged.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND
APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES ^{1/}
 September 1979

	Applicants Available FY to date ^{2/}	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
			Received FY to date ^{2/}	Total	Unfilled 30 days or more			
TOTAL ^{3/}	123,508	21,776	84,695	6,381	3,765	1.5	3.4	59.0
0-1 Professional, technical and managerial	13,165	3,053	6,352	1,188	862	2.1	2.6	72.6
2 Clerical and sales	25,357	5,016	16,136	1,651	756	1.6	3.0	45.8
Entry codes ^{4/}	2,247	429	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 Clerical	17,790	3,595	12,732	1,318	557	1.4	2.7	42.3
25-29 Sales	5,320	992	3,404	333	199	1.6	3.0	59.8
3 Service	21,830	4,106	13,934	1,162	717	1.6	3.5	61.7
Entry codes ^{4/}	7,355	1,209	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Domestic	1,325	233	2,251	70	42	0.6	3.3	60.0
31-39 Other	13,150	2,672	11,683	1,092	675	1.1	2.4	61.8
4 Farm, forestry, fisheries	11,475	459	10,078	74	30	1.1	6.2	40.5
5 Processing	2,233	519	1,819	183	99	1.2	2.8	54.1
6 Machine trades	4,477	878	2,942	329	199	1.5	2.7	60.5
7 Bench work	5,051	987	2,955	204	145	1.7	4.8	71.1
8 Structural work	13,380	1,818	11,750	838	459	1.1	2.2	54.8
9 Miscellaneous	16,338	2,955	18,616	516	263	0.9	5.7	51.0
Entry codes ^{4/}	4,301	702	—	—	—	—	—	—
90-91 Motor freight transportation	5,228	892	7,259	288	158	0.7	3.1	54.9
92 Packaging, materials handling	6,337	1,257	10,689	188	83	0.6	6.7	44.2
93-97 Other ^{5/}	472	104	668	40	22	0.7	2.6	55.0

- ^{1/} Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
^{2/} Period covered: 10-1-78 through 9-30-79. FY 1979 defined as 10-1-78 through 9-30-79.
^{3/} Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
^{4/} Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
^{5/} Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING ^{1/}

September 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sep 1979 ^{2/}	Aug 1979 ^{3/}	Sep 1978 ^{3/}	Sep 1979 ^{2/}	Aug 1979 ^{3/}	Sep 1978 ^{3/}	Sep 1979 ^{2/}	Aug 1979 ^{3/}	Sep 1978 ^{3/}
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	\$279.64	\$273.65	\$253.38	41.8	41.4	42.3	\$6.69	\$6.61	\$5.99
Durable goods	280.63	269.04	248.47	42.2	41.2	41.9	6.65	6.53	5.93
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	242.53	238.78	225.46	42.4	41.6	42.3	5.72	5.74	5.33
Primary and fabricated metals	278.39	262.28	242.08	41.8	39.8	41.1	6.66	6.59	5.89
Machinery and transportation equipment	307.30	292.60	267.97	42.8	41.8	42.2	7.18	7.00	6.35
Nondurable goods	279.45	278.30	258.34	41.4	41.6	42.7	6.75	6.69	6.05
Food and kindred products	306.79	308.00	277.33	42.2	42.6	43.4	7.27	7.23	6.39
Meat products	334.02	331.55	311.46	41.7	41.6	43.5	8.01	7.97	7.16
Dairy products	196.18	208.17	180.91	36.6	39.5	37.3	5.36	5.27	4.85
Grain mill products	349.86	349.86	314.05	49.0	49.0	50.9	7.14	7.14	6.17
Bakery products	236.22	234.18	227.52	35.1	34.9	36.0	6.73	6.71	5.32
Other food and kindred products	222.69	227.77	191.28	39.0	40.1	38.8	5.71	5.68	4.93
Printing and publishing	258.85	262.48	253.15	40.7	41.4	43.2	6.36	6.34	5.86
Chemicals and allied products	282.08	268.36	251.93	43.0	41.8	42.7	6.56	6.42	5.90

^{1/} Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Program.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by \$5.99 from August 1979 to September 1979, with durable goods gaining \$11.59, and nondurable goods showing a very slight increase of \$1.15. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings were up by \$26.26, with durable goods rising by \$32.16, and nondurable goods increasing by \$21.11.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.4 hours month-to-month, but dropped by 0.5 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings had a small gain of \$.08 from August 1979 to September 1979, and increased by \$.70 from September 1978.

ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING ^{1/}

(Per 1,000 workers)

August 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug2/	Jul3/	Aug3/	Aug2/	Jul3/	Aug3/	Aug2/	Jul3/	Aug3/	Aug2/	Jul3/	Aug3/	Aug2/	Jul3/	Aug3/
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	48	39	55	44	35	50	62	37	60	49	27	48	4	3	3
Durable goods	48	42	55	45	39	48	61	39	58	49	27	46	3	3	3
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	68	61	82	67	59	76	110	50	95	83	42	80	10	1	4/
Furniture and fixtures	81	40	64	81	38	64	78	76	69	62	27	58	4/	7	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	51	40	58	42	37	53	62	46	62	43	25	49	11	11	3
Machinery and transportation equipment	41	37	47	38	34	39	52	33	50	44	24	39	4/	1	3
Other durable goods	53	52	57	50	48	53	60	40	49	51	35	42	1	4/	1
Nondurable goods	48	36	56	44	31	51	63	35	63	50	27	50	5	2	3
Food and kindred products	46	35	57	40	29	52	56	33	64	48	26	53	2	2	4
Meat products	43	34	57	35	25	51	48	28	63	41	22	54	1	2	4
Dairy products	27	15	38	27	15	36	50	34	35	42	31	29	3	3	1
Grain mill products	34	26	38	33	24	36	50	22	52	44	17	47	1	4/	1
Bakery products	51	29	39	47	26	34	81	50	79	63	40	63	2	2	1
Other food and kindred products	78	64	94	73	57	88	82	52	95	72	40	72	4	2	10
Textiles and apparel	77	63	59	75	55	54	70	59	85	63	47	71	4/	8	10
Paper and allied products	54	19	68	51	16	65	56	25	65	46	21	56	4/	1	1
Printing and publishing	51	42	51	48	40	50	65	44	52	58	35	46	2	1	1
Chemicals and allied products	18	11	44	16	11	42	36	17	53	24	12	41	5	1	2
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	54	35	55	51	31	48	101	35	65	54	26	36	26	3	3

^{1/} Source of data: State-Federal BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Cooperative Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Revised.

^{4/} Less than 0.5.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 39 per 1,000 workers in July 1979 to 48 per 1,000 workers in August 1979. Both durable and nondurable goods increased, month-to-month, with durable goods increasing from 42 per 1,000 to 48 per 1,000, and nondurable goods increasing from 36 per 1,000 to 48 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 55 per 1,000 in August 1978 to 48 per 1,000 in August 1979, reflecting decreases in both durable and nondurable goods. Separations increased from 37 per 1,000 workers in July 1979 to 62 per 1,000 in August 1979. Durable goods increased from 30 per 1,000 to 61 per 1,000 during that period, while nondurable goods increased from 35 per 1,000 to 63 per 1,000. Year-to-year, separations increased slightly, from 60 per 1,000 to 62 per 1,000, with durable goods increasing from 58 per 1,000 to 61 per 1,000, while nondurable goods remained the same in both periods (63 per 1,000).

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

September 1979

	Sep 1979	Aug 1979	Sep 1978
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)</u>			
<u>CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS</u>			
Initial claims	3,037	3,210	2,685
Weeks claimed	16,270	22,246	17,748
<u>BENEFIT ACTIVITIES</u>			
Payments from UI funds	\$1,144,833	\$1,263,549	\$932,643
Calendar year to date	\$19,392,056	\$18,247,223	\$20,528,146
Average size of weekly payments	\$85.31	\$76.08	\$73.49
First payments	1,256	1,747	1,169
Exhaustions	384	455	438
Individuals who drew benefits	5,215	6,101	4,545
Rate of insured unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)</u>			
Payments from UCFE funds	\$42,493	\$45,495	\$43,608
Average size of weekly payments	\$75.61	\$69.04	\$78.01
First payments	36	41	41
Exhaustions	15	11	16
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)</u>			
Payments from UCX funds	\$12,147	\$13,542	\$10,237
Average size of weekly payments	\$88.02	\$81.58	\$86.03
First payments	36	11	12
Exhaustions	2	1	3
<u>COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			
Subject employers - end of month	36,684	36,544	36,166
Contributions received	\$121,656	\$3,553,767	\$148,638
<u>FINANCIAL DATA</u>			
End of month fund balance	\$77,776,914	\$79,089,966	\$62,248,531

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 3,210 in August to 3,037 in September 1978. Weeks claimed decreased from 22,246 in August to 16,270 in September 1978.

UI benefit payments decreased from 1.3 million in August to 1.1 million in September 1979.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 5,161 in August to 4,286 in September 1979. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 0.9 percent in August to 0.8 percent in September 1979.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 27.5 million in 1979 compared to 27.0 million in 1978.

The fund balance stood at 77.8 million in 1979 compared to 62.2 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED ^{1/}

September 1979

	<u>Percent of total</u>		<u>Percent of total</u>
<u>SEX:</u>		<u>OCCUPATION:</u>	
Male	49.5	Professional, technical and managerial	18.8
Female	50.5	Clerical and sales	24.6
		Services	9.7
<u>RACE:</u>		Farm and related	0.6
White	86.7	Processing	6.0
All other races	13.3	Machine trades	4.7
		Bench work	6.5
<u>AGE:</u>		Structural work	14.5
Under 22	9.7	Miscellaneous	14.6
22 - 44	64.2	<u>INDUSTRY:</u>	
45 and over	26.1	Manufacturing	27.2
		Nonmanufacturing	72.8
<u>WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:</u>			
4 or less	45.2		
5 - 14	41.3		
15 and over	13.5		

^{1/} Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claim Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for September 1979 was 3,612.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SEPTEMBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	223.4	1.0	12.1	223.7	1.0	12.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	231.0	0.3	9.8	231.2	0.3	10.0
Food	237.1	0.3	10.0	237.3	0.3	10.2
Food at home	234.7	0.3	9.6	234.2	0.3	9.5
Cereals & bakery products ..	225.6	0.8	10.7	226.6	1.1	10.9
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs ..	231.0	0.3	10.1	230.5	0.4	10.1
Dairy products	211.3	1.3	11.9	212.0	1.5	11.9
Fruits & vegetables	231.8	-2.5	7.2	229.6	-3.1	7.0
Sugar & sweets	282.0	0.4	7.7	281.2	0.5	7.4
Fats & oils	231.5	1.1	7.5	230.7	0.8	6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages	367.7	1.6	8.2	365.0	1.4	7.8
Other prepared foods	212.6	1.0	10.4	212.4	1.0	10.3
Food away from home	247.6	0.4	10.9	249.3	0.4	11.7
Alcoholic beverages	174.2	0.5	7.5	174.9	0.7	7.6
HOUSING	234.6	1.3	13.1	234.5	1.3	13.3
Rent residential	179.0	0.8	7.6	178.9	0.9	7.6
Homeownership	271.9	1.6	16.1	273.3	1.6	16.7
Fuel & other utilities	251.2	1.6	14.8	251.7	1.6	15.0
Household furnishings & oper.	192.2	0.5	6.5	190.6	0.4	6.5
APPAREL & UPKEEP	169.8	2.1	4.9	169.3	1.9	4.6
Men's & boy's apparel	162.7	1.9	2.5	163.2	1.3	2.4
Women's & girl's apparel ...	155.9	3.0	2.4	154.4	2.6	1.5
Infant's & toddler's apparel ..	223.4	1.0	1.4	226.0	0.8	3.8
Footwear	180.1	1.5	8.7	179.4	1.4	8.9
TRANSPORTATION	221.4	0.8	17.3	222.4	0.8	17.5
Private transportation	222.0	0.7	17.9	222.7	0.7	18.0
Public transportation	205.2	2.2	9.0	204.1	1.7	8.3
MEDICAL CARE	243.7	0.8	9.5	244.7	0.9	9.8
Medical care commodities	155.8	0.5	7.4	156.7	0.3	7.7
Medical care services	262.8	0.8	9.9	263.8	1.0	10.3
ENTERTAINMENT	191.1	0.5	7.2	190.2	0.7	7.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	201.7	2.4	7.4	200.6	1.7	7.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	259.8			260.1		